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H. R. 3313

To amend section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the program for Long Island Sound, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 10, 1999

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. LARSON, Mr. KING, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. WALSH, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. WEINER, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Long Island Sound
5 Restoration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NITROGEN CREDIT TRADING SYSTEM AND OTHER**
2 **MEASURES.**

3 Section 119(c)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution
4 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1269(c)(1)) is amended by insert-
5 ing “, including efforts to establish, within the process for
6 granting watershed general permits, a system for trading
7 nitrogen credits and any other measures that are cost-ef-
8 fective and consistent with the goals of the Plan” before
9 the semicolon at the end.

10 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.**

11 Section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
12 Act (33 U.S.C. 1269) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
14 section (f); and

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(e) ASSISTANCE TO DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES.—

18 “(1) ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES.—

19 “(A) STATES TO DETERMINE CRITERIA.—

20 For the purposes of this subsection, a dis-
21 tressed community is any community that
22 meets affordability criteria established by the
23 State in which the community is located, if such
24 criteria are developed after public review and
25 comment.

1 “(B) CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT ON
2 WATER AND SEWER RATES.—In determining if
3 a community is a distressed community for the
4 purposes of this subsection, the State shall con-
5 sider the extent to which the rate of growth of
6 a community’s tax base has been historically
7 slow such that implementing the plan described
8 in subsection (c)(1) would result in a significant
9 increase in any water or sewer rate charged by
10 the community’s publicly-owned wastewater
11 treatment facility.

12 “(C) INFORMATION TO ASSIST STATES.—
13 The Administrator may publish information to
14 assist States in establishing affordability cri-
15 teria under subparagraph (A).

16 “(2) REVOLVING FUND LOANS.—

17 “(A) INTEREST RATE.—Subject to sub-
18 paragraph (B), any State making a loan to a
19 distressed community from a revolving fund
20 under title VI for the purpose of assisting the
21 implementation of the plan described in sub-
22 section (c)(1) may charge a negative interest
23 rate not to exceed 2 percent to reduce the un-
24 paid principal of the loan.

1 “(B) LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount
2 of all negative interest rate loans made by a
3 State under subparagraph (A) in a fiscal year
4 shall not exceed 20 percent of the aggregate
5 amount of all loans made by the State from its
6 revolving loan in such fiscal year.

7 “(3) PRIORITY.—In making assistance available
8 under this section for the upgrading of wastewater
9 treatment facilities, a State may give priority to a
10 distressed community.”.

11 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 Section 119(f) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
13 trol Act (as redesignated by section 3 of this Act) is
14 amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “1991
16 through 2001” and inserting “2000 through 2003”;
17 and

18 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “not to exceed
19 \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1991 through
20 2001” and inserting “not to exceed \$80,000,000 for
21 each of fiscal years 2000 through 2003”.

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